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In re CPA for Application of:  
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 FOR TREATING ULCERS**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-identified Continued-Prosecution Application ("CPA"), please amend the application as follows:

**In the claims:**

Please amend claims 1 and 17 as follows:

1. (Amended) A medical apparatus for therapeutic treatment of foot ulcers, comprising:

a wound dressing for introduction of a negative pressure over a first region of a patient's foot including a wound; wherein said wound dressing is comprised of a porous foam positioned